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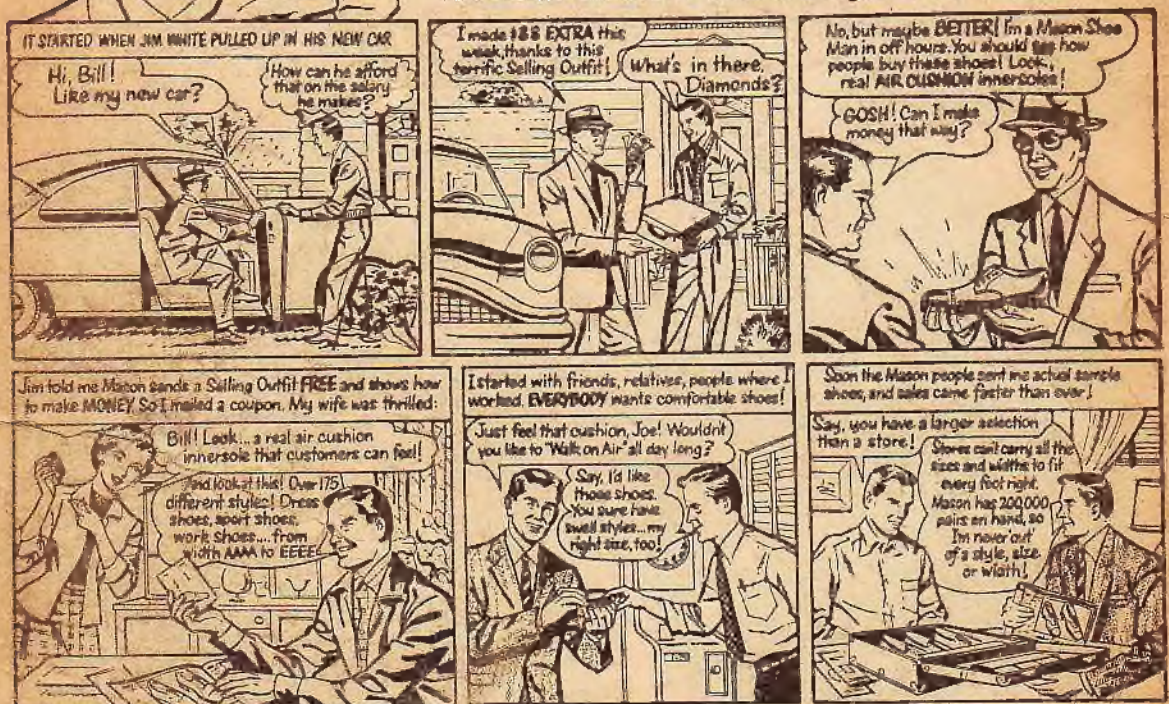

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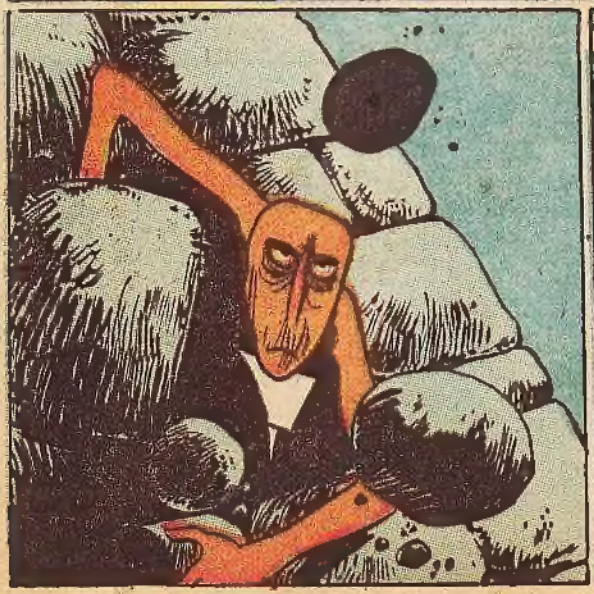
A SECOND BOLT HITS THE CASTLE WALL! THIS BOLT IS SO GREAT, THAT A FISSURE OPENS BETWEEN TWO MASSIVE BLOCKS...



THERE IS ONE OF THEM! HE WALKS IN THE SUNLIGHT... BUT SOON HE WILL KNOW ONLY DARKNESS!
JUST THEN, THE ROBOT HEARS STEALTHY SOUNDS BEHIND HIM...
SEIZE HIM!
Y-YOU ARE ROBOTS TOO!
NOBODY BUT ROBOTS LIVE HERE!
THIS PLANET IS A LIVING MONUMENT TO THE KEENEST INTELLECT OF ALL TIMES... LEONARDO DA VINCI! FOR AMONG THE GREAT MASTER'S MANY SECRET INVENTIONS...
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LEONARDO, DO NOT SHOW THIS TO THE PEOPLE! THEY WILL CRINGE IN FEAR! THEN THEIR FEAR WILL TURN TO FURY... AND THEY WILL STONE YOU!
I HAVE LET TOO MANY OF MY SECRET INVENTIONS LIE IDLE! I INSIST ON PUTTING THIS ONE TO USE!
"AND SO LEONARDO DISPATCHED HIS CRAFT ON A JOURNEY THRU SPACE..."
THIS WILL SERVE TO HIDE SEVERAL OF MY SECRET INVENTIONS... FOR SOME OF MY ROBOTS ARE RIDING INSIDE!
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"ON THIS PLANET WE LANDED ON, WE BUILT A ROBOT CIVILIZATION... WE CREATED MORE OF OURSELVES AND PASSED LAWS..."
SO HARSH A SENTENCE WILL BE METED OUT TO THE FIRST WHO TRANSGRESSES, THAT NO OTHER ROBOT WILL EVER DARE BREAK A LAW AGAIN!
"YOU, UNFORTUNATE WRETCH, WERE OUR FIRST AND ONLY CRIMINAL!"
YOU ARE SENTENCED...
... TO A STATE OF ENDLESS SUSPENDED ANIMATION IN THE DARKEST DUNGEON OF OUR OUTERMOST CASTLE!
I REMEMBER NOW! AND I AM READY TO RETURN TO DARKNESS...TO PAY FOR MY CRIME!
MEANWHILE, DOWN ON EARTH...
WE'VE FAILED AGAIN!
AND I WAS SO SURE WE'D SOLVED THE PROBLEM THIS TIME!
I'LL BET IF HE WERE ALIVE TODAY, HE'D SHOW US WHAT WE'RE DOING WRONG!
HE WAS ALL RIGHT FOR HIS DAY AND AGE...
DA VINCI
...BUT IF DA VINCI HAD EVER TACKLED SPACE TRAVEL, I'LL BET THAT HE'D HAVE FOUND THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED FAR BEYOND EVEN HIS GREAT ABILITIES!
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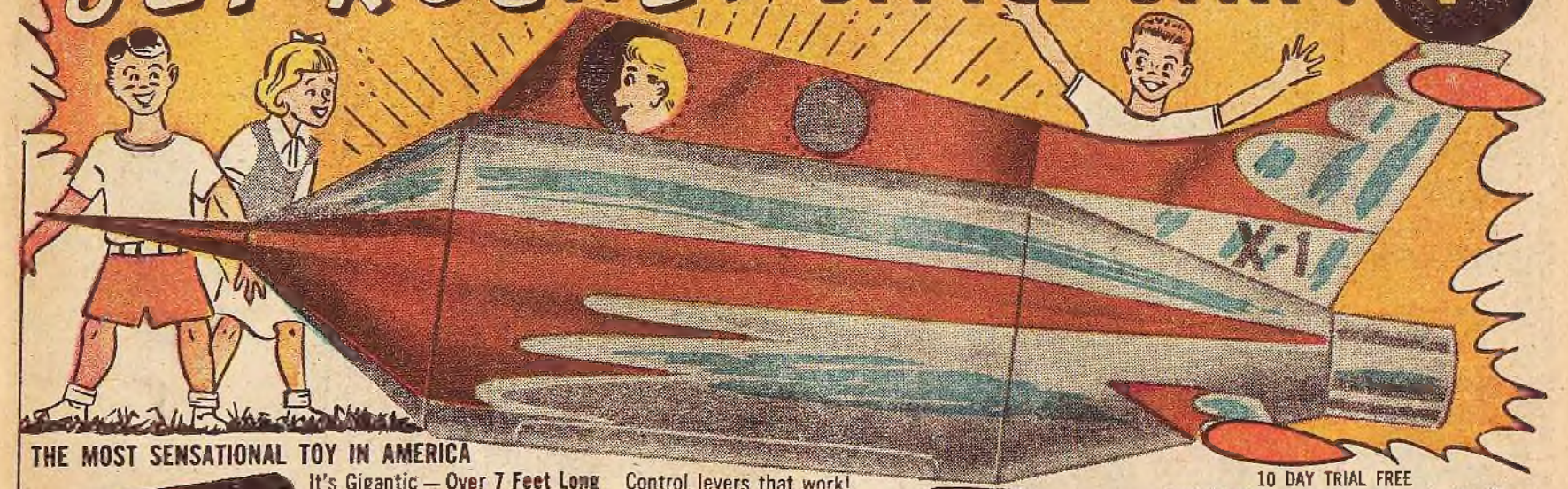

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the Mystery of the DOOMED DERELICT!

HALLO! ANYBODY HERE?
WE'VE SEARCHED FROM STEM TO STERN AND NOT EVEN A RAT ABOUT!

UH-OH! THE SHIP'S LOG!
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Day of March
It has happened again. Another whole crew has deserted me. Tomorrow I must find more men...

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YOU'VE MISTREATED YOUR LAST CREW, CAPTAIN!

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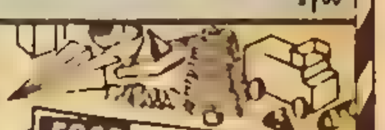

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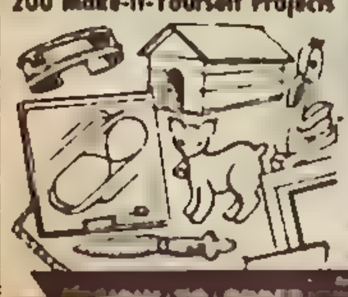

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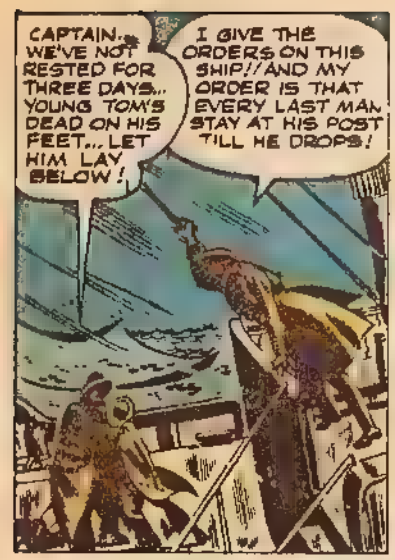

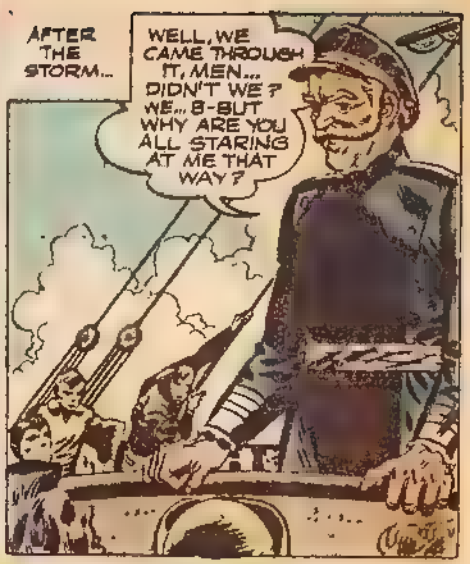

THEN IT HAPPENED. THE WHOLE CREW FELT THEMSELVES BLACKING OUT! AND WHEN THEY CAME TO...

HAROLD FARNUM WAS IN LOVE WITH HIS BOSS'S DAUGHTER, SHEILA! BUT TO SHEILA, HAROLD WASN'T A MAN! HE WAS A WEAKLING! THEN SOMETHING HAPPENED! SOMETHING STRANGE AND MYSTERIOUS THAT BEGAN AT THE AUCTION AND CHANGED EVERYTHING FOR THE UNHAPPY SUITOR!

THE MAN IN THE MIRROR!

IF IT WEREN'T FOR ME HER FATHER COULDN'T HAVE ANY BUSINESS AND BE SO RICH! YET HE PAYS ME A MINIMUM WAGE, AND I TAKE IT LIKE A SERVANT!
HAROLD, ASK THAT AUCTIONEER WHEN HE'S GOING TO GET TO THE GRAMERCY LOT THAT FATHER SENT US TO BID ON!
BUT, SHEILA, I CAN'T INTERRUPT IN THE MIDDLE OF...
FOR GOODNESS SAKE, HAROLD, BE A MAN! IT CERTAINLY SHOULDN'T TAKE ANY COURAGE TO ASK A SIMPLE QUESTION!
FOUR HUNDRED! WHO'LL SAY FOUR TEN?
HAROLD SQUIRMED! HE DISLIKED HAVING ATTENTION DRAWN TO HIM! TIMIDLY HE RAISED HIS HAND TO ATTRACT THE AUCTIONEER'S ATTENTION...
FOUR HUNDRED AND TEN! THANK YOU, SIR! GOING! GOING! SOLD TO THE GENTLEMAN IN THE FRONT ROW!
OH, NO! I DIDN'T MEAN...
TELL HIM YOU WEREN'T BIDDING! THAT WILL COST YOU SEVERAL WEEKS' PAY, FOR A PIECE OF JUNK!
BUT... BUT...
BUT HAROLD WAS TOO SHY TO ADMIT HE HADN'T BID ON THE MIRROR! SADLY, HE WALKED OUT OF THE SHOP CARRYING THE OBJECT WITH HIM!
THIS IS TYPICAL OF YOU, HAROLD! THIS IS WHY A PROPOSAL OF MARRIAGE FROM YOU IS AMUSING TO ME! THIS IS WHY FATHER MAKES A FOOL OF YOU!
FEELING LOWER THAN USUAL, HAROLD REACHED HIS SMALL ROOM AND SET THE MIRROR ON TOP OF HIS BUREAU...
I GUESS I CAN'T BLAME SHEILA! WHY CAN'T I CHANGE, BE MASTERFUL, STRONG-WILLED, A LEADER, INSTEAD OF A TIMID FOLLOWER?
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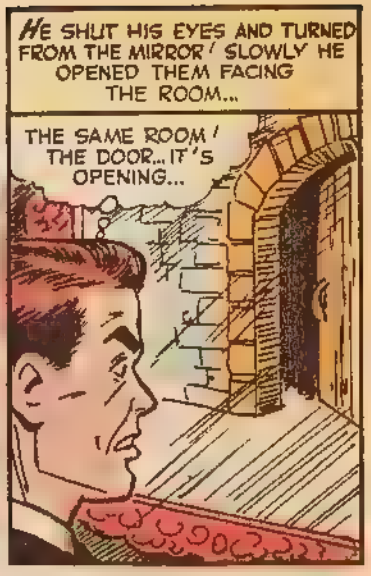
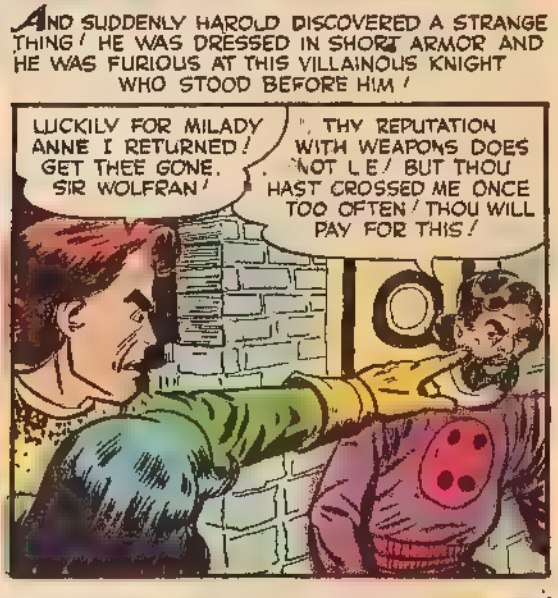
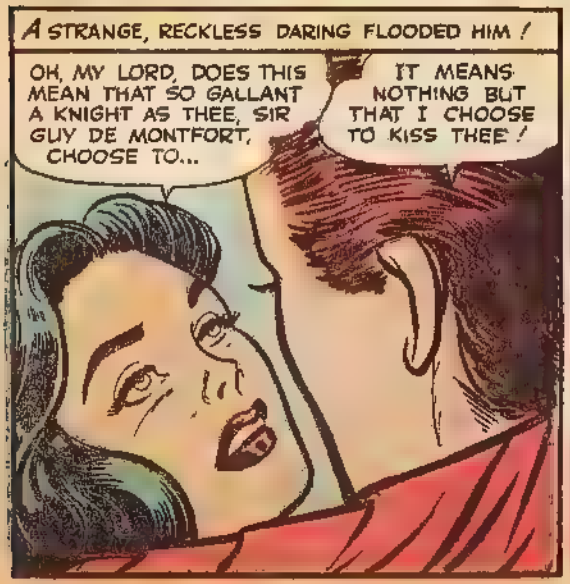
YES, I'M TALKING ABOUT YOU, HAROLD FARNUM! YOU'RE IN LOVE WITH A GIRL AND SHE DESPISES YOU FOR YOUR WEAKNESS, AND I DON'T BLAME HER!

THEN A STRANGE THING HAPPENED! THE MIRROR MISTED OVER, THEN SUDDENLY CLEARED AND REFLECTED IN IT WAS A ROOM OF AN OLD CASTLE INSTEAD OF THE SIMPLE ROOM HE LIVED IN!


HE SHUT HIS EYES AND TURNED FROM THE MIRROR! SLOWLY HE OPENED THEM FACING THE ROOM...
THE SAME ROOM! THE DOOR... IT'S OPENING...

OH, SIR GUY, SAVE ME!
SIR GUY? WHAT DO YOU HERE?: THY RETURN WAS NOT TO BE FOR A FORTNIGHT!


AND SUDDENLY HAROLD DISCOVERED A STRANGE THING! HE WAS DRESSED IN SHORT ARMOR AND HE WAS FURIOUS AT THIS VILLAINOUS KNIGHT WHO STOOD BEFORE HIM!
LUCKILY FOR MILADY ANNE I RETURNED! GET THEE GONE, SIR WOLFRAN!
THY REPUTATION WITH WEAPONS DOES NOT L E! BUT THOU HAST CROSSED ME ONCE TOO OFTEN! THOU WILL PAY FOR THIS!


A STRANGE, RECKLESS DARING FLOODED HIM!
OH, MY LORD, DOES THIS MEAN THAT SO GALLANT A KNIGHT AS THEE, SIR GUY DE MONTFORT, CHOOSE TO...
IT MEANS NOTHING BUT THAT I CHOOSE TO KISS THEE!

A HUNDRED PIECES OF GOLD TO HIM WHO BRINGS DE MONTFORT DOWN!
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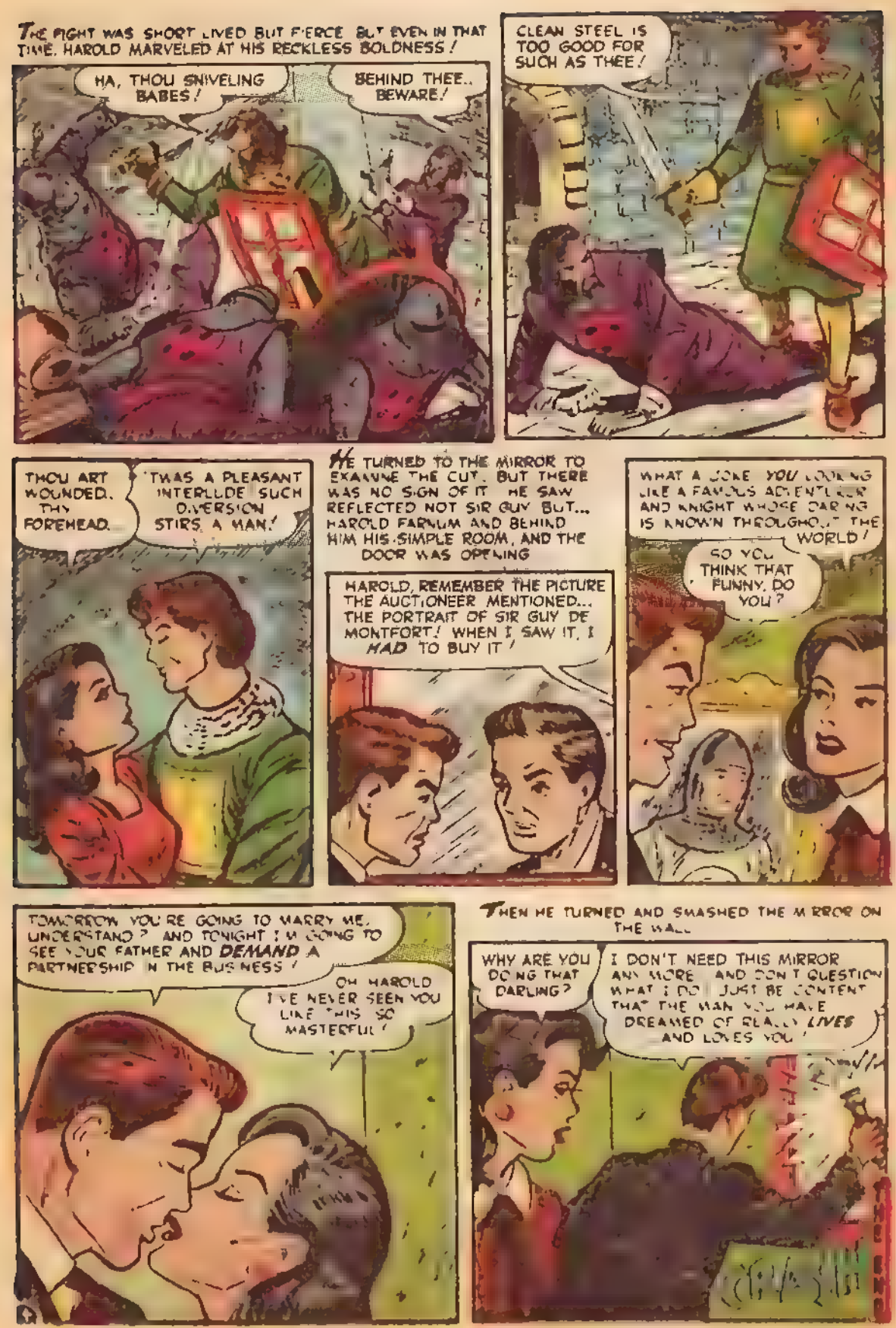
THE FIGHT WAS SHORT LIVED BUT FIERCE BUT EVEN IN THAT TIME, HAROLD MARVELED AT HIS RECKLESS BOLDNESS!
HA, THOU SNIVELING BABES!
BEHIND THEE.. BEWARE!
CLEAN STEEL IS TOO GOOD FOR SUCH AS THEE!
THOU ART WOUNDED. THY FOREHEAD.
'TWAS A PLEASANT INTERLUDE SUCH DIVERSION STIRS A MAN!
HE TURNED TO THE MIRROR TO EXAMINE THE CUT. BUT THERE WAS NO SIGN OF IT. HE SAW REFLECTED NOT SIR GUY BUT... HAROLD FARNUM AND BEHIND HIM HIS SIMPLE ROOM, AND THE DOOR WAS OPENING
HAROLD, REMEMBER THE PICTURE THE AUCTIONEER MENTIONED... THE PORTRAIT OF SIR GUY DE MONTFORT! WHEN I SAW IT, I HAD TO BUY IT!
WHAT A JOKE YOU LOOKING LIKE A FAMOUS ADVENTURER AND KNIGHT WHOSE DARING IS KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD!
SO YOU THINK THAT FUNNY, DO YOU?
TOMORROW YOU'RE GOING TO MARRY ME, UNDERSTAND? AND TONIGHT I'M GOING TO SEE YOUR FATHER AND DEMAND A PARTNERSHIP IN THE BUSINESS!
OH HAROLD I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU LIKE THIS SO MASTERFUL!
THEN HE TURNED AND SMASHED THE MIRROR ON THE WALL
WHY ARE YOU DOING THAT DARLING?
I DON'T NEED THIS MIRROR ANY MORE AND DON'T QUESTION WHAT I DO! JUST BE CONTENT THAT THE MAN YOU HAVE DREAMED OF REALLY LIVES AND LOVES YOU!

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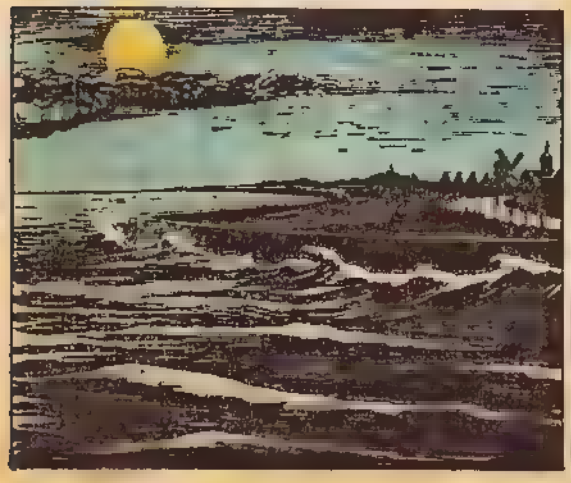
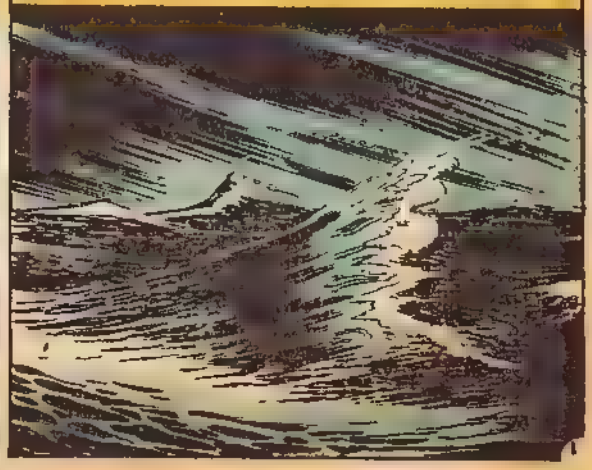
WHILE THE TOWN SLEEPS!

BUT ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE NEARBY *DIKE*, THE SULLEN SEA CHURNS WITH SAVAGE LONGING! STIRRED BY MEMORIES OF DESTRUCTIVE FLOODS... THE SEA KEEPS BEATING AGAINST THE DIKE WITH ALL ITS MIGHTY STRENGTH!



A SUDDEN WIND WHIPS UP A HOST OF HISSING WAVES! BUT THE TOWNSMEN SLEEP! THEY DO NOT HEAR THE MUFFLED ROAR OF THE SEA'S INSISTENT BEATING AGAINST THE DIKE! EVERYTHING INLAND IS AT REST...



THE DIKE HAS SPRUNG A *LEAK!* ONLY A TINY LEAK... BUT THE SEA GURGLES FIENDISHLY AS IT STARTS SEEPING THROUGH! THE SEA KNOWS THAT THE HOLE MUST *WIDEN!*

AND STILL THE TOWNSMEN SLEEP. NOT ONE OF THEM DREAMS OF THE SAVAGE FLOOD THAT MUST SOON RAVAGE THEIR COUNTRYSIDE IF THE HOLE IN THE DIKE IS NOT STOPPED UP!

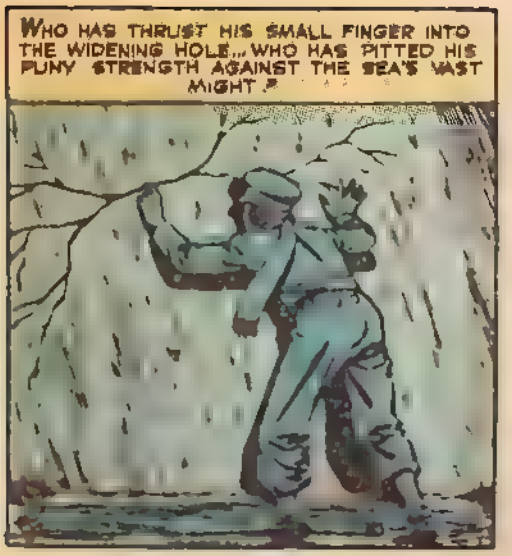
THE HOLE HAS *WIDENED!* A STEADY STREAM IS GUSHING THROUGH! BUT NOT A TOWNSMAN STIRS...

LOOK! A SMALL SHAPE SCURRIES IN THE DARK! *ALL* THE TOWNSMEN ARE STILL ASLEEP... AND *NO* TRAVELER HAS COME FROM A DISTANT PLACE! *WHO* CAN THIS BE?

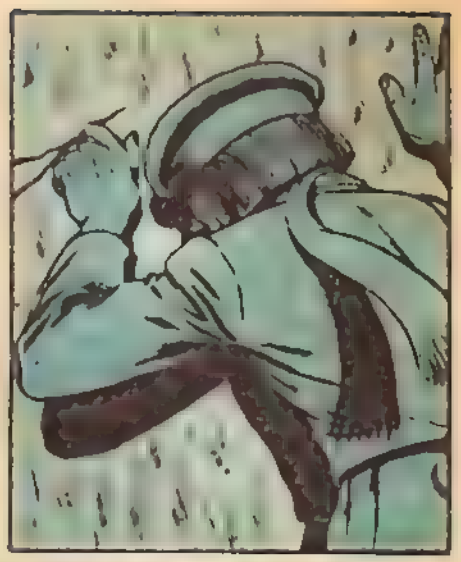
HE IS NOT MOTIONLESS NOW! HE STANDS STARING AT THE STEADY GUSH OF DOOM!

HE TRIES TO CALL OUT THE FLOOD-WARNING! BUT THE WIND SHRILLS KEENLY. THE TOWNSMEN REMAIN IN THEIR WARM BEDS! *NO SOUND* CAN BE HEARD!

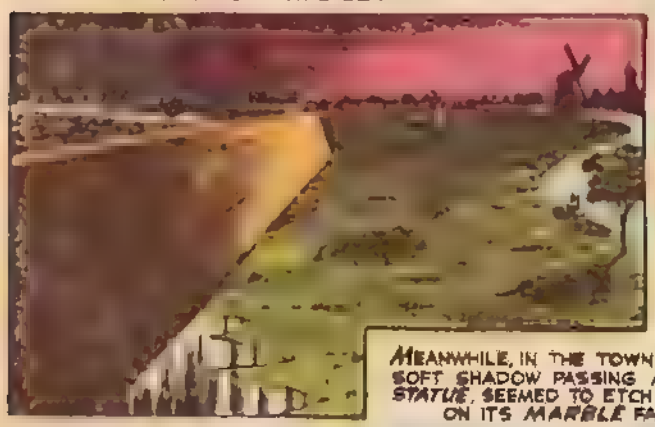
ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE DIKE THE SEA ROARS WITH SUDDEN FURY! SUDDENLY THE HOLE IN THE DIKE HAS BEEN *STOPPED UP!*



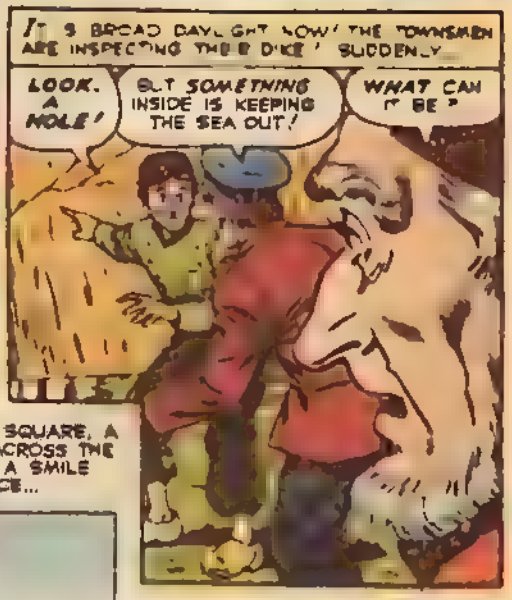
THE SEA KEEPS STRAINING FORWARD! THE MINUTES KEEP DRAGGING BY WITH INTOLERABLE SLOWNESS! WHERE HAS HE FOUND THE STRENGTH TO WITHSTAND THE WHOLE SURGING SEA? HOW LONG WILL IT BE BEFORE HE IS DEFEATED?



AT LAST THE FIRST RAYS OF DAWN! LOOK HE HAS VANISHED! BUT THE HOLE IS *STILL* STOPPED UP! *HOW* CAN THIS BE?



IT'S BROAD DAYLIGHT NOW! THE TOWNSMEN ARE INSPECTING THE DIKE! SUDDENLY...



MEANWHILE, IN THE TOWN SQUARE, A SOFT SHADOW PASSING ACROSS THE *STATUE*, SEEMED TO ETCH A SMILE ON ITS *MARBLE* FACE...

...AND THE SAME SOFT SHADOW PASSED ACROSS THE STATUE'S MARBLE HAND!

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THE travel transport machine in the Smith's living room rang noisily. Mrs. Smith and the children ran over to it in time to greet Mr. Smith as he stepped out of it. With a worried sigh, he slid shut the door of the dome-shaped transport machine behind him.

Every home in the Universe was now equipped with this vital machine. Thanks to its invention, the air was no longer cluttered with old-fashioned airplanes or rocket ships. One simply had to step inside the travel transport chamber and survey the electronic map inside it. Whether you desired to head for Mars or Main Street, there was no problem. A mere push of the map lever charted the course for you.

Of course, you also had to adjust the indicator of the local area maps which hung on the opposite wall of the machine. A local map gave a breakdown of streets and house numbers which deposited you exactly where you wanted to go in a given country or planet.

When the travel transports were first put into operation there was some confusion. A careless person could easily set his sites for Mars and then buzz the address of the corner drug store in Missoula, U.S.A. The transport apparatus was terribly sensitive, and when this happened the machine would bounce around snorting and bumping. People inside the machine came out looking like they had been put through an egg beater. The kids had the time of their lives though. Many of them deliberately selected indicators which would jostle them around harmlessly but give them the thrill the ancient people used to get from wild bronco-riding.

Nowadays there were safety controls which had taken the confusion . . . and sadly, too, the fun out of the travel transports. And Mr. Smith's family laughingly recalled the time he had accidentally rung up their Main Street address in U. of S. A. instead of U. S. A. He had been a full hour coming home since he had first gone to the Union of South Africa instead of his own country!

"Our transport is showing signs of wear," Mr. Smith said regretfully. "These machines have to be replaced after a number of years. You boys must stop taking off for Alaska every summer afternoon. I like keeping cool, too, but the wear and tear on our transport is excessive!"

"Let's turn it in for a snazzy new model," his older son suggested hopefully. "The Jones family bought one of the rainbow models this year. It sure adds class to their house when you land into it. Our transport is so old and plain-looking."

"A new transport costs a lot of money," warned Mr. Smith.

"We can get our old one overhauled," his wife suggested.

"Or do without one altogether."

"What!" his family chorused. They stared at him unbelievingly.

"Why where would we be without a transport in the house!" said his wife incredulously. "You couldn't get anywhere without . . . why without *walking!*"

A curious smile came over Mr. Smith's face.

"And what's wrong with that? Remember that film-a-view we beamed in from the twentieth century the other night? Those people got around."

"But, pop, that was centuries ago!" young Lunar reminded him. "In those days people had to depend on silly things like airplanes because there was nothing else. The travel transports have replaced those slow-flying bugs."

"Now don't tell me you'd like coming home from work in a crowded cattle car!"

"Mother means the subway," snickered Solar, their oldest son. "It's hard to believe that people used such things."

"If life gets much easier it will be positively boring," Mr. Smith insisted. "At least before they perfected the transports you could get tossed around in one for laughs. Now you get a smooth ride inside a capsule that converts you across sound waves and before you know it you're dumped inside someone's house. It's simple as a letter the ancient postmen dumped through mail slots. Not a bit exciting!"

"Why you complained for days when the first transport we owned went out of commission!" his wife recalled.

"At least it gave me something to gripe about" Mr. Smith's eyes sparkled at the memory. "Now what fun is it if

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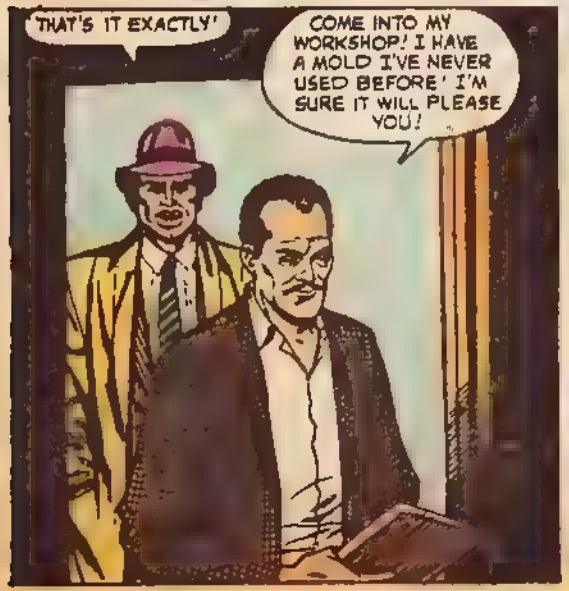
SIDNEY BURR FOUND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO CONCEAL HIS MEANNESS AND DECEIT...

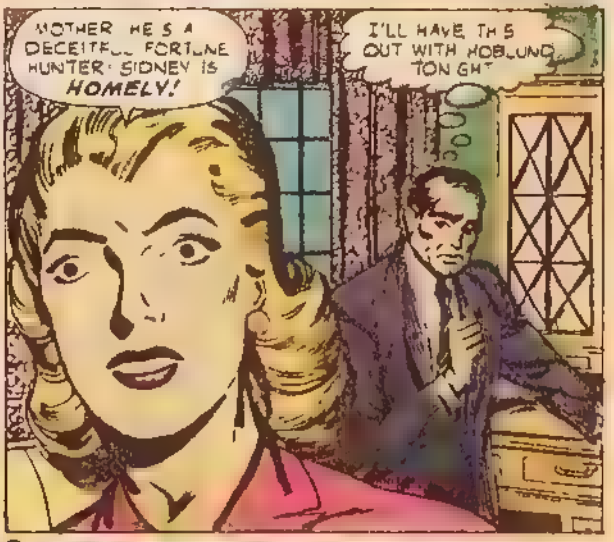
BEHIND the MASK



ERIC HOBLUND LABORED OVER THE MASK FOR SEVERAL HOURS...

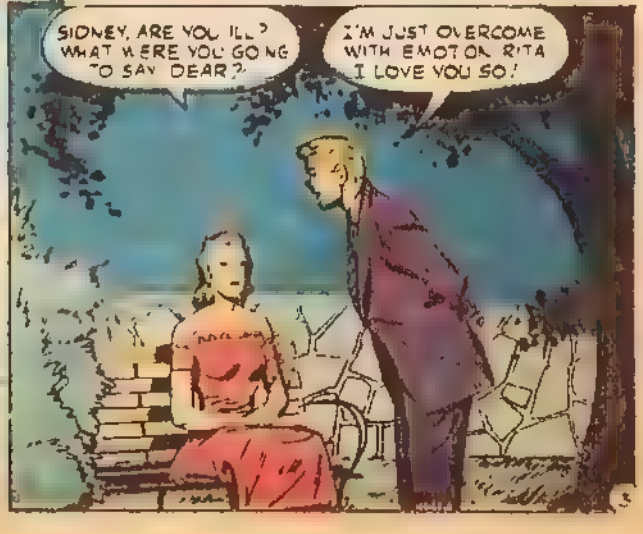
SIDNEY BURR HAD HIS CAMPAIGN CAREFULLY MAPPED OUT...
EXPENSIVE BOX SEAT FOR THE OPERA BIG TIP FOR A SEAT NEXT TO THE VERY RICH VIOLET DAVIES!
A SHORT WHILE LATER
THIS MASK IS DOING A JOB! MISS DAVIES HASN'T TAKEN HER EYES OFF ME FOR TWENTY MINUTES.
AT INTERMISSION
WELL, VIOLET DAVIES! I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU REMEMBER ME LAST SUMMER NEWPORT? I'm SIDNEY BURR!
I DON'T SEE HOW I COULD HAVE FORGOTTEN BUT THERE WERE SO MANY NEW FACES THERE!
WITH A FEW WEEKS GONE BY SIDNEY BURR HAD WON THE HEART OF THE RICH MISS DAVIES
VIOLET I CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER... I'VE GOT TO SAY WHAT'S IN MY HEART!
VIOLET, I LOVE YOU! I WANT YOU TO MARRY ME
NO! NEVER!
BUT SUDDENLY THE MASK SIDNEY WAS WEARING SEEMED TO DISSOLVE...
YOU TRICKED ME! I THOUGHT YOU WERE HANDSOME! YOU'RE HOMELY! HOMELY!
LATER THAT NIGHT
I ALMOST HAD THE WEALTHY WIFE I WANTED, BUT THE MASK FAILED ME AT THE MOST IMPORTANT MOMENT!
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND! SUCH A THING HAS NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE

WEARING HIS NEWEST MASK SIDNEY HAD NO DIFFICULTY MEETING AND WOOING THE VAN PAESTER HEIRESS, LAURA



THE MASK-MAKER WAS BEWILDERED

SIDNEY WAS PREPARED THE NEXT TIME WITH A SUPPLY OF MASKS



THE NEW MASK DISSOLVED AT ONCE!
LIAR! CHEAT! YOU TRIED TO HIDE A HOMELY FACE BUT YOUR MEANNESS AND DECEIT CAME THROUGH! YOU CARE ONLY FOR MONEY
FATE IS AGAINST ME MY MASKS MAKE ME HANDSOME... UNTIL I PROPOSE! ONLY THEN DO THEY CHANGE!
SIDNEY WAS FEELING VERY SORRY FOR HIMSELF AS HE WANDERED INTO TOWN WEARING ANOTHER MASK FROM HIS DWINDLING SUPPLY...
THREE TIMES MY MASKS FAILED ME I WONDER WHAT SHE'S WEEPING ABOUT?
I'M BROKE AND HUNGRY BUT I DIDN'T THINK ANYBODY CARED!
WON'T YOU LET ME BUY YOU A MEAL? I KNOW WHAT IT IS TO BE POOR, SO I DO CARE!
SIDNEY HAD CHANGED BUT IN A DIFFERENT WAY IT WAS INSIDE HIM!
ALICE I'VE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH YOU IT'S AS IF I'VE KNOWN YOU FOR YEARS
YOU'VE BEEN SO KIND SIDNEY
ALICE, I'M WEARING A MASK TO DECEIVE WEALTHY WOMEN SO THEY'D MARRY ME. I'M HOMELY YOU WON'T WANT ME
A A MASK, SIDNEY? SURELY THIS IS SOME KIND OF A JOKE!
NO ALICE! I'M NOT JOKING LOOK FOR YOURSELF!
SIDNEY YOU LOVABLE PRANKSTER THAT MASK YOU TOOK OFF IS AN EXACT REPLICA OF YOUR OWN FACE WHICH I ADORE! BUT MORE IMPORTANT, I KNOW THE MAN I'M GOING TO MARRY IS KIND AND GOOD!
THE END
THEN SIDNEY BLURTNEW, AND FELT GRATEFUL .. FOR GOODNESS HAD MADE ITS OWN CHANGES!
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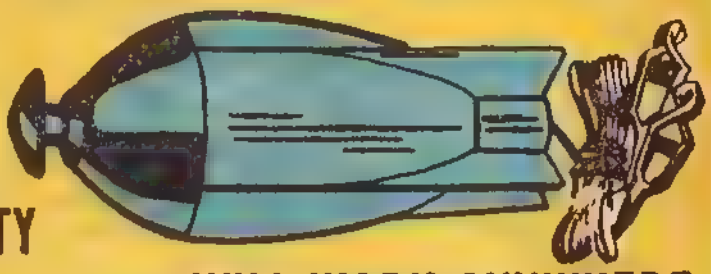

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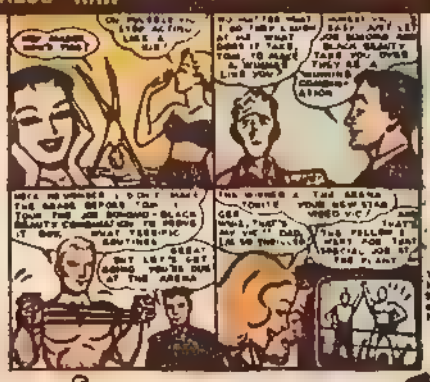

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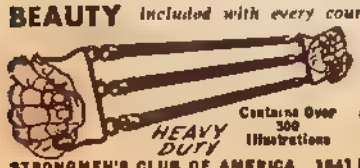

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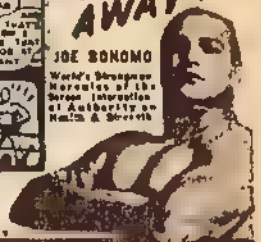

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everything is so perfect. There's nothing to get mad at! Now, in the automobile age they had some rootin' tootin' traffic jams to make life interesting."

He chuckled remembering the pictures he had seen in the history books and museums.

"These cars were ridiculous!" his wife said indignantly. "We've progressed beyond that age! How could a car take me to visit our cousins on Saturn or to the magnificent stores they have on some of the other planets? We have so many more conveniences than those poor people did."

"But not as much fun," Mr. Smith pointed out. His voice rose excitedly. "Just imagine what a joy it must have been for a driver to have his hands on a wheel and actually steer himself around in one of those odd metal cars. Nowadays all we do is press buttons to get anywhere. I really think we're missing something."

"Did you have your vitamin dinner tonight?" his wife asked looking at him with concern for his reactionary thoughts.

"I had a full seven course dinner . . . a pill for each course," he assured her. "My diet is perfectly balanced and there is nothing wrong with me if that's what's worrying you."

Nevertheless, Mrs. Smith videoed the doctor from the screen in her room. His picture flashed on the screen, he nodded thoughtfully as she spoke to him. He promised to hurry over.

Soon the transport machine rang to announce a visitor. Mrs. Smith checked to see who it was before she released the lock which admitted callers.

Mr. Smith protested there was nothing wrong with him, but the doctor confirmed Mrs. Smith's suspicions.

"A mild case of 'Yesterday' virus," the doctor said. "So many people have been hit with it this century. I suggest a vacation or complete relaxation for at least a weekend."

Grudgingly, Mr. Smith consented to a two-day holiday in Switzerland. When he returned, he felt much better. The next week he consented to trade in the old transport machine for a rainbow-colored model.

His family admired it when it was installed, and even he glowed proudly.

"The holiday did me a planetful of good," he admitted. "And now that I think back on things, I was really quite foolish. The twentieth century was a pretty primitive civilization, I guess. The people who lived then must have been bored with their way of life, too, occasionally. I wonder if they had 'Yesterday' virus in those days?"

"Sure they did, Pop," said Lunar eagerly. "For Indians and cowboys and stagecoaches and the Old West. Why the people from cities went to dude ranches to rough it!"

Mr. Smith smiled. Maybe he would talk his boss into building a vacation spot with antique cars and a small scale subway to give people a few laughs now and then. People always liked to look back on the good old centuries.

He smiled fondly at the rainbow-colored transport. There was nothing like it, but he still would have given a pound of uranium for a ride in a noisy, old-fashioned airplane!

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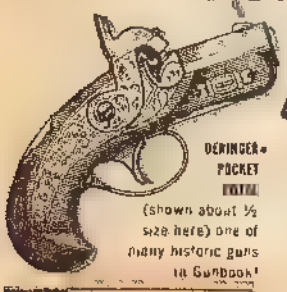

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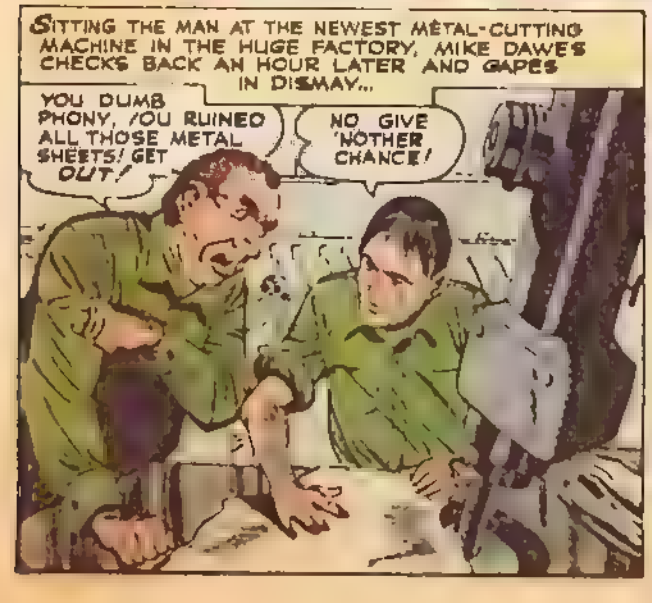
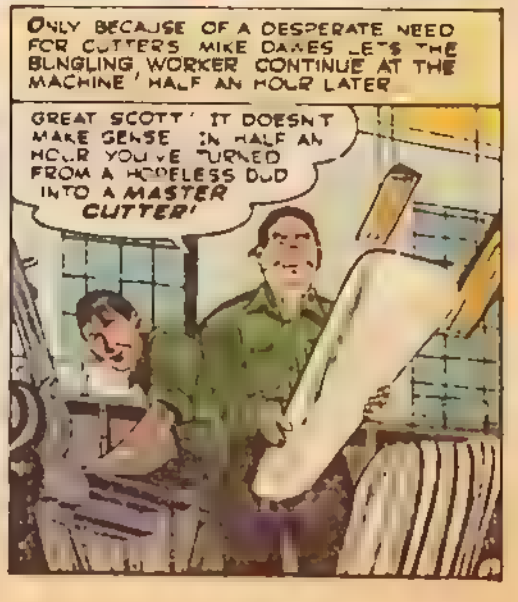
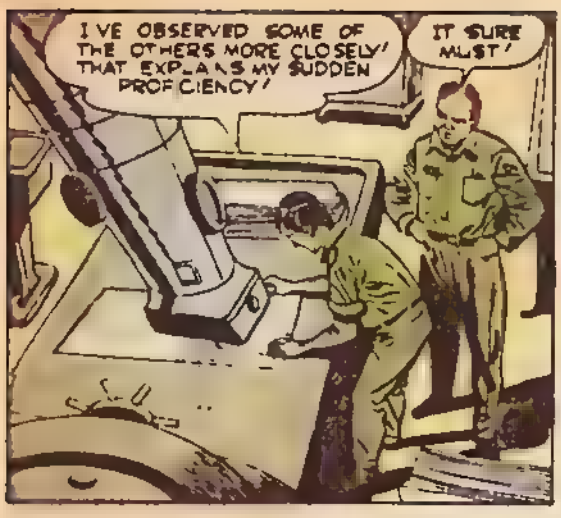
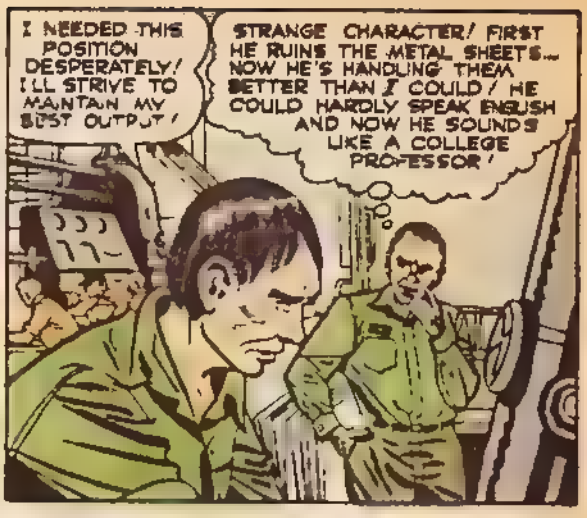
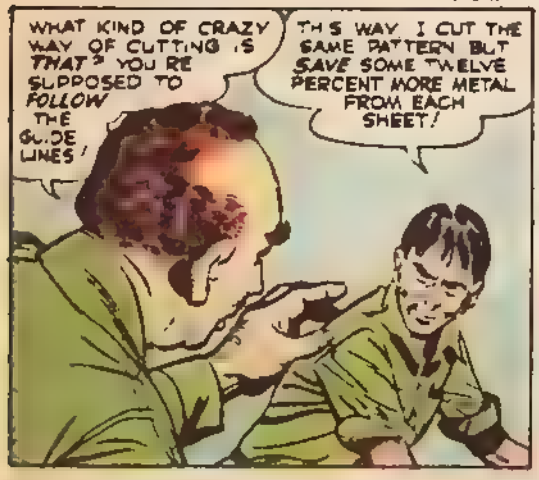


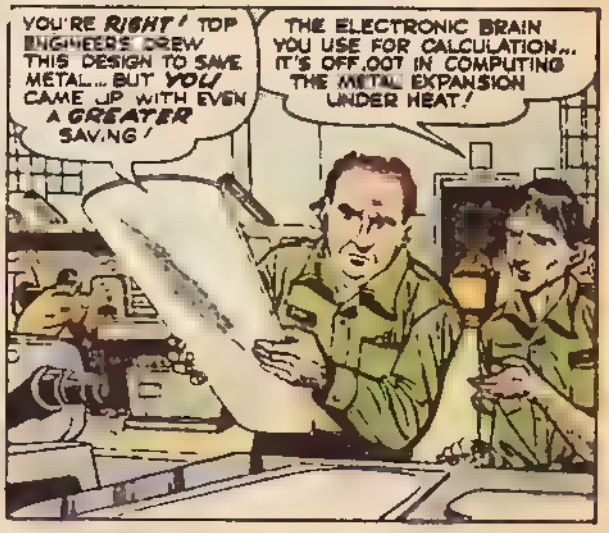






THE NEXT DAY, MIKE WATCHES WITH FASCINATION AS THE STRANGER WORKS..

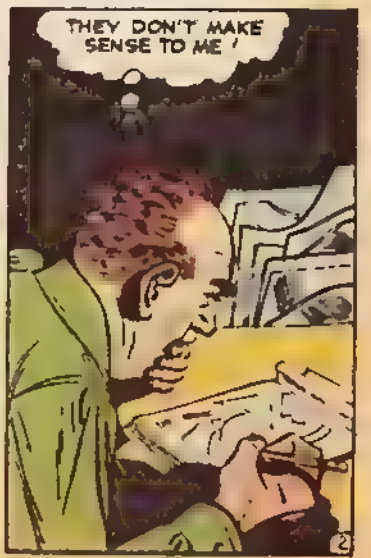




MIKE REPORTS THE MAN'S FINDINGS TO THE ENGINEERS! THEY CHECK AND RECHECK THE MACHINE...

QUICKLY, MIKE PROMOTES HIS ASTONISHING WORKER..

AFTER A WEEK OF WATCHING THE MAN WORK ON HIS OWN TIME, MIKE TAKES OUT THE SHEETS AND TRIES TO MAKE A DESIGN FROM THEM...



A FEW NIGHTS LATER...
ALL RIGHT IF I FINISH UP A JOB OF MY OWN AFTER HOURS?
SURE! YOU'VE SAVED THE COMPANY A FORTUNE WITH YOUR NEW METHODS! GOOD NIGHT!
BUT THE FOREMAN WATCHES UNSEEN, AS THE WORKER FINALLY ASSEMBLES HIS ODDLY CUT METAL SHEETS...
IT CAN'T BE! IT LOOKS AS IF HE WERE WORKING ON A FLYING SAUCER!
WHILE HE'S GOT HIS BACK TURNED, I'VE GOT TO SEE WHAT'S INSIDE THIS CRAZY THING! IT MUST BE SOME KIND OF A GAG!
THESE INTRICATE CONTROLS ARE BEYOND ME! IT'S TOO MUCH WORK FOR A PRACTICAL JOKE!
I'LL DUCK HERE AND SEE WHAT HE'S UP TO BEFORE I START ASKING A LOT OF QUESTIONS!
BUT BEFORE MIKE DAWES CAN REVEAL HIMSELF, THE AMAZING CRAFT VIBRATES AND HURTLES FROM THE FACTORY!
ORKS
STOP THIS CRAZY CRATE!
OH! I DIDN'T SEE YOU HERE, MIKE! I'M AFRAID YOUR PRESENCE RATHER COMPLICATES THINGS!

WITHIN SECONDS, THE CRAFT SETTLES DOWN ON A PACIFIC ISLAND..

BEFORE YOU LEAVE ME ON THIS WILD ISLAND, TELL ME *WHO* YOU ARE AND *WHAT* YOU WERE DOING AT THE FACTORY!

MY NAME IS *ORON*! I ONLY DID WHAT *YOU* WOULD DO UNDER THE *SAME CONDITIONS*!

WHEN DAWN BREAKS, HE IS SUDDENLY SURROUNDED..

C-CAN'T MAKE 'EM UNDERSTAND ME! I'D BETTER COME UP WITH SOMETHING FAST!

THERE! THAT CHEAP "MAGIC TRICK SEEMS TO BE WORKING! NOW TO FIND A WAY TO GET *OFF* THIS ISLAND!

PUT TO WORK BY THE NATIVES, MIKE DAWES' SUPERIOR KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS SOON WINS THEIR ASTOUNDED ADMIRATION ..

EVEN TEMPERING IRON FOR THEIR SPEAR TIPS IN THIS CRUDE WAY SEEMS LIKE A MIRACLE TO THEM!

HAVING FINISHED HIS ASSIGNED WORK, MIKE IS ALLOWED TO GO OFF ON HIS OWN, WHERE HE QUICKLY PLANS HIS ESCAPE...

SOON AS IT'S DARK I'LL SHOVE OFF ON THIS RAFT AND PRAY FOR A FRIENDLY SHIP TO SPOT ME!

WHILE THE NATIVES ARE BUSY WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS HE HAS SHOWN THEM, MIKE PUSHES OFF ..

JUST THE WAY *ORON* AMAZED US WITH HIS TECHNICAL ABILITY, I'VE GOT THE NATIVES HERE THINKING I'M SOME KIND OF MECHANICAL GENIUS!

AS MIKE CLEARS THE ISLAND, THERE IS A FLASH OF LIGHT! THE FLYING SAUCER HOVERS OVER HIS RAFT AND THEN CUTS SKYWARD FOR THE DISTANT STARS ..

NOW IT ALL ADDS UP! JUST THE WAY I MADE A RAFT TO GET OFF THAT ISLAND, *ORON* SOMEHOW GOT MAROONED ON OUR PLANET..HE MADE HIS "RAFT" TO ESCAPE AN EQUALLY *PRIMITIVE PLACE*!

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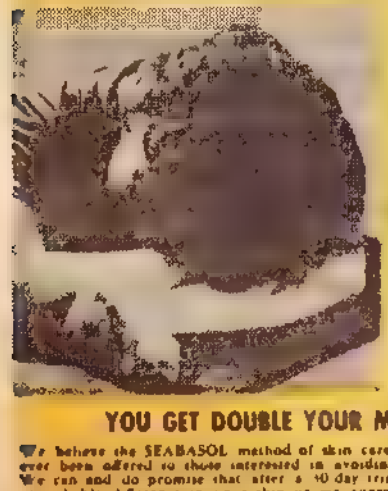

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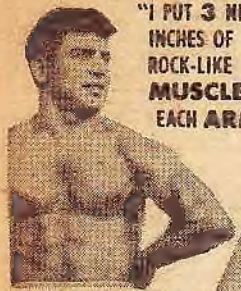

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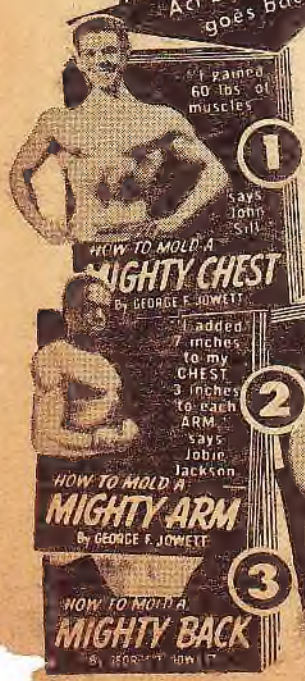

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